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IMPEDIMENTS TO TEXTILE INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the textile producing machinery of India have drawn the attention of the Government towards the impediments being faced by the industry;

(b) if so, the problems and difficulties cited by the representatives of the industry;

(c) whether this industry is utilizing only a part of its established capacity in India; and

(d) if so, the facts in this regard and the steps taken by the Government to remove the difficulties of the industry?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL (YATNAL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Textile machinery industry is facing a difficult situation due to slack demand from the domestic textile industry. High production costs and fiscal duties related issues have also been contributory factors.

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) The capacity utilization of the Textile Machinery Manufacturing Industry during the last five years are as under:-

Year	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
Capacity utilization (%)	54	32	31	36	28

Source: Federation of India Textile Engineering Industry.Government has launched the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) for modernisation of the textiles industry with a view to increase demand for hi-tech textile machinery. Development Council for textile machinery industry has been reconstituted with representatives from various segments of textile and textile machinery industry to elicit their views for policy formulation.